

SUNSET VIEW HAMLET BOARD MEETING MINUTES – August 23, 2024

PRESENT: DARRELL ORACHESKI, RHONDA BARTLETT, KYLE NERBAS, SHELDON HOOD, EMILY SMITH, MICHAEL SMITH, TREVOR BLUME, ALICE HERGOTT, RON ROMMEL, KEVIN PAINTER, ADAM COURT, HARLEY JOHNSON

1. Kyle called the meeting to order at 10:11
2. Agenda approved and adopted by Darrell, seconded by Sheldon
3. Minutes of the June 3rd meeting adopted by Kyle and seconded by Darrell.
4. No delegations present.
5. Communications
 - a. Public Washrooms – we have a lot of feedback on the placement of the public washrooms. The message was loud and clear that residents do not want the washroom at the south public reserve spot that was initially picked as the location. Currently there is not a good location to put the washroom right at the beach area due to concerns for children running out on the road where the boats are being launched and the additional issue of having a septic system too close to the water. There was discussion on using the existing washroom at the office by making it accessible through the back door. There could be a partition built to separate that area from the rest of the office and a lock put on the back door so that if using the washroom there would be no access into the library area. There are timed locks that could be put on the back door of the office so they open at a certain time and lock at a certain time. Rhonda made a motion that we investigate this as a solution to the washroom issue. Motion passed.
 - b. Algae test results – There was some question as to why the testing results took so long to be published and why the local Hamlet Board would not have been contacted regarding the results. **ACTION:** Rhonda will contact the number to ask some questions about the testing and why the local boards are not notified of the results.
 - c. There was a communication suggesting that we look at contracting snow removal this winter instead of having the RM do it. Rhonda had talked to Darren Millard in the spring and he stated that he would not be able to do the Hamlet streets as they are too narrow and the utilities are too close to the road. Darrell made a motion that we contact Rick Mathews to see if he would be interested in doing the snow removal. **ACTION:** Rhonda to contact Rick.
6. Board Member Forum
 - a. Tax Allotment Meetings – Rhonda has been involved in the meetings regarding the tax allocation split with the RM of Mervin. There has been no final solution to this date. The RM of Mervin feels that each Hamlet needs to justify why they need the allotment increase while the Hamlets feel that the RM who sits with a reserve of money needs to justify why they need the full 60 percent of the taxes they retain. The Organized Hamlets' last ask was for 60 percent of the taxes to stay with the Hamlets and 40 percent stay with the RM with a list of provided services being shared by the RM. There was also talk of staying with the split we have in place now if the RM of Mervin agreed to stop charging back for road maintenance and take over full charges of waste disposal with

WYRA while providing a full list of services that the RM will provide at no extra charge to the Hamlets. The next meeting will be held in September with the hope that the RM will come to the table with a solution. A motion was made by Darrell and seconded by Harley that we do not make a separate deal away from the other organized Hamlets and that we stick together as a group. Motion carried.

7. Standing Agenda Items

- a. Roads – There were some areas identified as needing some work. North of the main boat launch there is an area that needs some fill. There was also recognition for the need of more drainage on Kenderdine. **ACTION:** Darrell and Kyle will do the fall drive around and identify areas that need improvement.

It was also noted from some attendees that there is a need to move some of the speed bumps around next year. It was also suggested that there be a map developed that will show where the speed bumps are to be placed annually. Attendees also noted that people are driving around the speed bumps which is causing some damage to the grass areas. **ACTION:** Next spring we will order posts to put on the sides of the speed bumps so that vehicles are not driving around them.

- b. Waste management – The new bin system seemed to work very well this year except for some people putting items in or outside of the bins that should not be in there. It was noted by our maintenance that there have been people from outside our Hamlet that have been coming in and putting garbage in the bins. It was felt the best we could do is regular reminders that there are certain things that can not be put in those bins.

Darrell informed us that the recycle bin also takes plastics and not just cardboard. **ACTION:** Rhonda will call WYRA and find out what kind of plastics can be put in those recycle bins and then we will do some public messaging on that.

The Hamlet Board is looking at putting recycling bins at the beaches and park for bottles and cans as there have been a lot of plastics and cans put into the garbage cans this year. We have also looked at putting in animal proof garbage containers in those public areas where we currently have garbage cans.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Washrooms update – Discussion above
- b. Wake Zone Buoys – There was concern brought forward about the wake zone buoys. Trevor stated that he had contacted Transport Canada and they had given him some information which he would send to the board. The board has stated that while not following the wake zone buoys is not a finable offense there is an expectation that people follow the no wake zone. The no wake zone buoys were put there for both the preservation of our lake and the protection of the people using that area for swimming, kayaking and paddle boards. It was brought to our attention last year that there were water skiers who were getting far too close to the swimming area and people felt it was unsafe. If anyone chooses not to follow the rule of the no wake zone their choice does put them at risk of people approaching them for not following the rules. This is not something that the Hamlet Board members can control.

It was identified that there is a need to put solar lighting on the wake zone buoys for better visibility at night. **ACTION:** The Hamlet Board will look at purchasing the lights and more buoys.

- c. Turtle View Update – There was discussion about who would be on the committee going forward. The meetings for this will not begin until September. **ACTION:** Rhonda will contact those who have put their names forward and provide them with some information on where we are at right now as well as have a main contact in place for Turtle View.
 - d. Summer student update – the summer student went pretty good. Adam did say it was good to have some extra help. It was suggested that next year the Hamlet apply for their own student to work solely in Sunset resort and not have to travel anywhere else. There will be further discussion at the next meeting on this.
 - e. Utility Board Update – Sheldon gave an update on the work that has been done to date as well as the parts that have needed to be ordered. Sheldon also stated that they had received permission to increase their rates for water next year which will help with the costs of maintenance. Darrell made a motion that we transfer \$50,000 total to the Utility Board this year to help with the cost of maintenance. Motion carried.
 - f. Future Development – Rhonda read out the proposed future development plans for the Hamlet. Costs would have to be associated with all the projects and then there will need to be a prioritization of the projects. There was a suggested addition of widening our roads to their allotted width. Some of our roads are becoming very narrow and it does affect the ability of grading and plowing in the Hamlet. **ACTION:** Rhonda will add this to our list of future projects.
9. New Business
- a. Maintenance Update - Adam gave an update on how the summer has been going with maintenance. Adam talked about the hours it takes to perform all the duties of the job. **ACTION:** Adam will take the current job description or contract and add any duties that were not listed. Adam will submit the list and make any other suggestions for changes in the contract for the next year. The Hamlet board and attendees thanked Adam for a job well done this year.
 - b. Hamlet Property Trees – We cannot remove any trees on the public reserve without first contacting the RM for permission. Kyle did take some pictures of some dead trees on public reserve that he will be submitting to the RM for permission to remove. It is important that residents are aware that they cannot remove trees that are not on their property without approval from the RM of Mervin.
 - c. Swimming Platforms – It was brought forward that the platform at the main beach may need to be replaced. It becomes waterlogged and the kids try and tip it when it is that low in the water. Kyle made a motion to drain the current platform and then we can see if we need to replace it. It was suggested that we need to secure it with better anchors as well. There may be a need to use chain instead of rope. It was also noted that we need to replace the cement pads on the north side of the main beach dock. Motion was made by Rhonda that we contact Mitchells’ for pad replacement. Motion carried. **ACTION:** Kyle will contact Mitchells.

10. Action Items reviewed.

11. Next meeting to be determined in October.

12. Meeting adjourned at 13:15.

Action	Person Responsible	Date to Be Completed
Beach erosion project	Kyle and Paige	Ongoing
Public Washrooms	Hamlet Board	May 1, 2025
Wake Zone Buoys Lighting	Hamlet Board	May 1, 2025
Algae testing questions	Rhonda	August 30, 2024
Discussion with Rick Mathews on plowing	Rhonda	Sept 1, 2024
Autumn road checks	Darrell and Kyle	Sept 1, 2024
Speed bump posts	Hamlet Board	May 1, 2025
Clarification on recycle plastics	Rhonda	Sept 1, 2024
Contact committee members for the TV amalgamation discussions	Rhonda	Sept 1, 2025
Road widening add to list of future projects	Rhonda	Sept 1, 2024
Addition to maintenance contract	Adam	Sept 30, 2024
Contact Mitchells for boat launch pads	Kyle	Sept 15, 2024